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#### THE CONFERENCE FOR EDU-CATION.

A circular has been issued by the Exec utive Committee of the Conference for Education in the South, calling attention to the meeting of the conference in the of Richmond on Wednesday, the 22d of April. "During the five years in which the conference has been in existence, says the circular, "its spirit and alms have been increasingly manifest. All sincere friends of education are welcomed to its convocations. The controlling policy has not been concerned with the professional side of education, but is directed toward the consideration and discussion of such topics as have a common interest for patriotic and intelligent citizens, every rank of educators, officers of educational corporations, legislators and public edu-

Through the spirit developed at th former conferences certain beneficent results are clearly evident. Among them may be noted a more intelligent public on and a more active public conscience in educational affairs, the promotion of helpful co-operation among teachers, the encouragement of teachers through the sympathetic power evolved by the common educational purpose of a great company of carnest men and women, and the general impetus created by the cumulative power of a growing moral carnestness in behalf of universa education. To broaden and deepen these and other cognate influences is the air of the committee to which the arrangement of the approaching conference is

We are distressed to see that some the newspapers in Virginia are not only refusing to give this movement their support, but are actually doing all in their power to injure it and prejudice the people against it. We can but conclude that this opposition is due to ignorance. We ginian who thoroughly understands the movement can find it in his heart to oppose it. But some Virginians have taken it for granted that this is a "missionary movement" on the part of Northern people, who are coming here to "colonize Yankee school marms" and upset our customs and conditions and try to conver our children to the Northern view.

In point of fact, the men who are a the head of this movement have no intention of establishing schools of their own in the South, have no intention of doing anything except in hearty co-op eral States. When the executive officer of the General Education Board was asked several months ago who were his agents in Virginia he replied that they were Governor Montague and Superintendent Southall, and that is literally the The General Education Board, which is supplying the money, is work ing heart and soul with the school authorities, and the simple fact that the Governors and school authorities of the several Southern States have received the work with them ought to be sufficien evidence to the most skeptical that there is no foundation for their misglvings.

But the Southern Conference for Edu

cation is entirely distinct from the General Education Board and from the South orn Education Board. It is a sort o lance affair, and everybody is in vited to come in and hear the discusmits the delegates to nothing. The conference is composed largely of Southern men, although there are educators from all sections of the United States, who meet together every year and exchange views as to conditions, as to ways and means and methods. This conference has been invited to Richmond by distinguished citizens of Richmond, by the Richmond Education Association, by the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, by the Governor of the State, by the Legislature and Department of Education, by the University of Virginia and Washington and Lee University. If this is not representative, then we do not know how it is possible to get a representative invitation in this State We submit that the interests of Virginia are quite as safe in the hands of these representative men and women as in the taken the trouble to investigate.

The Times-Dispatch heartily and enthusiastically approves the Southern Conference for Education and the Southern Education Board and the General Education Board and the entire movement, an The Times-Dispatch is intensely Southern and intensely Virginian and as jealous of the traditions as any newspaper in the State. The conference will be the grand est educational rally Virginia ever nad, and we hope that it will be attended by every man and woman in the State who has the cause of education at heart.

#### A MONEY PINCH.

Last Saturday's bank statement from New York showed that the surplus re-

in each during the week \$10,176,600, most of which was due to operations with the sub-Treasury, which gained heavily on the bank operations, custom payments and internal revenue collections having

been very large.

The United Sintes Treasury has no need for this money; the government has more money than is necessary to carry on its affairs, but under our wretche system, it is drawn out of circulation and is no convenient way of getting it back into the channels of trade. This sort of thing has been going on for years, and every now and then the Secretary of the Treasury is compelled to resort to all sorts of devices, anticipating interest, buying in bonds, anticipating pension payments, and so on, in order to get rid the surplus and prevent financia stringency on the outside.

The drain has been especially sever during the past several weeks, and thus it was that Senator Aldrich attempted to get through his bill to authorize the Secretary of the Theasury to deposit this money in the banks upon satisfactory collateral. Under the provisions o around the government deposits, and the government was to receive not less than 11-2 per cent, interest on such deposits But for reasons best known to themselves, most of the Democratic Senators were opposed to it, and the bill was killed

As we have more than once said, the Aldrich bill was a mere temporary ex-pedient, but it was a necessary expedient, and in our opinion it was a great mistake for the Democrats to have choked it to death. They were not compelled to vote for it, even though the bill had been put on its passage. They might have voted against it and still have let t go through, and let the responsibility be on the Republicans.

For the time being there is a pinch in the money market, and the Democrats are getting the blame for it. We do not write this in a complaining spirit, but it seems to us well enough to call the at tention of Democrals to the fact that I would be a mistake for the party to put financial interests of the land. It is right for the Democratic party to look after the interests of the people first of all; to regulate corporations, and all that, but there is no sense in defeating a measure like the Aldrich bill simply and solely because some people had the idea that it was a bill in the interest of th The bill was not in the interest of the banks, but in the interest of the people. Something was said during the discussion with regard to Wall Street speculators, but this money-pinch has not come through speculation, for speculation has been very tame during the There is, during this active period, an enormous deman for money in carrying on the great transactions of the day, and in such an emergency it is shameful that the government should be withdrawing money from the people when the government not need it, and so crippling the people in their business affairs.

But a lesson has been learned, or should have been learned. It is quite plain that the system should be so radically changed as to prevent the pos sibility of a government surplus, and to give the people an elastic currency, inde pendent of the government, which will respond naturally to the demands of the trade. If this shall be the final outcome, the defeat of the Aldrich bill will be blessing in disguise.

#### ANOTHER FAILURE OF NEGRO SUFFRAGE.

SUFFRAGE.

Since the Secretary of War, Mr. Root, declared that "negro suffrage is a failure" several incidents have occurred which go far to confirm this view. The voluminous testimony taken by the House Committee on Elections, upon whose prevarienting report Representative Butler, of Missouri, was ejected from his seat in spite of a majority of more than 6,000 wotes, affords a striking proof of this "faildre," at least so far as the Republican party is concerned. The Tweifth District of Missouri (part of St. Louis), which was formerly a Republican stronghold, contains from 3,000 to 4,000 negro voters. These colored citizens up to quite recent years voted the Republican ticket in mass—so solidly, in fact, that in 1893 only eighteen of them "would stand out openly for the Democratic party." But, as appears from the evidence before the committee, a great change has taken place in the sentiments and political course of these negro yoters. This serves in large 45gre6. timents and political course of these no-gro votors. This serves in large digres to, account for the changed attitude of the Republican majority in Congress, and for the growing opinion among the Republican leaders that the "experi-ment" of negro sunfruge, as Secretary Root calls it, is a "failure,"—Philadelphia Record.

That is very well put. Suppose conditions had been reversed in the South. Suppose all the negroes had voted in a body with the Democrats, and suppose the Republicans had managed, by one plan or another, to keep the negro vote down. Should we have heard so much from our northern friends about the damnable distranchisement" of the black

#### NEWS FROM NORFOLK.

Our Norfolk correspondent quotes a Norfolk lawyer as saying that the states which have adopted the Torrens Land Registry System are now trying to repeal it. Then, why don't they do
it? Isn't the State sovereign?

But if any State which has this system is trying to get rid of it, we have not heard the news. On the contrary the system is growing rapidly in volume and in public favor in Massachusetts if we may judge by reliable letters re-

It is true that a Chicago newspaper of recent date contained an article from a citizen in which several objections were raised to the system, but upon investigation it was ascertained that the correspondent was interested in an Abstract Title Company.

We note, by the way, that such a company has been formed in Norfolk. and our correspondent says that interest in that concern deters some citizens from expressing an opinion on the Tor rens system.

There was a great meeting held in Brooklyn Sunday in memory of Henry Ward Beecher, Ex-President Cleveland serves were practically wiped out, and was the chief orator of the occasion, the banks and forced to curtail their spoke of Mr. Beecher as "Our Hero." the banks and forced to curtail their spoke of Mr. Reecher as "Our Hero." A loans in order to recoup. The banks lost fund was started to creet a Memorial

Hall of Patriotism in the preacher's \$10,000; another of \$5,000, etc.

Mr. Cleveland said that a sermon which he heard Mr. Beecher preach forty-nine comfort to him. In describing Mr. Beecher's title to herolem, he spoke of the days "his country's danger and trial," the great Plymouth "challenged all comers in defense of our national safety and unity." He "stood like a rock at home" and "fronted angry. threatening throngs 'abroad." And too, said Mr. Cleveland, when Mr. Beecher "felt the cruel stings of man's ingrati tude and malice, he serenely looked toward his Heavenly Father's face and kept within the comforting light of a pure conscience.

New Jersey is doing a vast deal to en-

A State commission appointed to inves-tigate the subject has just made an elaborate report and the State's system of leasing out oyster grounds is 10 amended and improved. The output of Maurice River cove alone, where only mended 15,000 acres are under lease, is \$2,000,000 per annum. It is believed that there are now 100,000 acres of land in New Jersey, yielding nothing, which can be made rich ly productive.

The commission recommends that all bottoms suitable for the cultivation of oysters shall be subject to lease, or purchase, excepting natural oyster beds.

The report sets forth the fact that nearly all the seed-oysters used in New Jorsey are obtained in the Chesapeake Bay, or its tributaries. We also learn that the question of what is or is not a "natural bed" is constantly arising, and causing trouble in New Jersey as it is in the State of Virginia.

ngton, D. C., writes to the Baltimore Sun to say that Virginia has produced more presidents and peanuts than any other State. Congressman Lacy, of Iowa who doesn't wish to see a statue of Lee in Statuary Hall, he classes among the

We do not know why Mr. Hammor wishes to bring repreach upon the humble and succulent "goober," which just now happens to be all the rage in Parisian fashionable circles, and which will live and prosper long after Mr. Lacy is forgotten.

No Southern Republican ever retired from Congress with as many bouquets from the Democrats as Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina. He is a Republican strong enough, but he is a North Carolinian to the heart, and, according the North Carolina papers, he did work for the old State that will be to her

The forty rebellious law students of the West Virginia University have made peace with the faculty, apologized and withdrawn their application for an injunction, to save themselves from the threatened dismissal. Thus they will continue to study law

and not practice it, just yet. The Chesterfield weather prophet pre-

dicts "muskrat weather" for the next few days, and, in consequence, a considerable

There seems to be no end to the activity of Woodrow Wilson. He has announced plans for the extension of Princeton University which will cost \$12,000,000, and, what is more, has set bout getting the money.

Twelve millions! Think of that!

It is said there is an inclination among eading Republicans to reaffirm their 1900 platform. It has not been injured by constant use, and is in good enough physical condition, so far as that goes,

If you think coal has reached bottom and you have the cash, now is a good time to lay in next winter's supply of fuel. We can't most always tell what a summer may bring forth in the way of strikes and such like.

Ex-Senator Billy Mason has begun to realize that in some way the country i going to survive his retirement to private

The James River can get on a terrible rampage sometimes, but we might have things much worse. Look at the Missis sippi, for instance. Amherst county whiskey got something

of a jar along with other products of that county in the committee's findings. The next judge of Amherst will doubt-

twice before he "beards the sheriff in his official den.

Mr. Poultney Bigelow is also anxious

According to cablegrams Pope Leo XIII. is constantly and persistently disregarding the advice of his physician. Can that be the reason he has lived so long and enjoys such good health?

And the Hon. James K. Jones, of Arkansas, franks no more pub. does. to Little Rock

Having no revolution on hand at present Bollyar and Brazil are trying to get up a scrap between themselves.

#### Personal and General.

The richest man in the world is said to be Alfred Belt, who was Cool Rhodes partner. His wealth is estimated at from \$500,000,000 to nearly a billion.

The newly-elected Mayor of Brockton

Eight fine stags have been sent by the Emperor of Austria as a present to the Czar,

During the eleven months ending Oc tober 1, 1902, there were organized and chartered by the affiliated national unions and by the American Federation of La-bor direct, 3,500 local unions, with a membership of 300,000.

Dr. Rafgel Zaidlvar, former president of Salvador, and lately minister of that republic at Washington, died in Paris last week.

Joseph Henry Shorthouse, the author of "John Inglesant" and other novels, has just died in London, in his sixtyninth year.

Clement Scott, the well known author and dramatic critic, is seriously ill at his home in London.

THE WASHINGTON A MARKET WASHINGTON "All that is human must re-trograde if it do not advance" —Gibbon's "Decline and Fall" Gorham

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## The Man ABOUT

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humble abode.

The society editor of this sheet has asked us to give her a photograph of the Six, and, hence the commotion.

The old clothes bag is being ransacked for something fit to wenr, so the camera at Foster's gallery won't break.

They never had their pictures took before, and we don't think they will be able to study any lossons until this event in their lives has become a thing of the past.

past.

Spring, spring, any old thing!

Cive us a sunshiny day;

Give us a chance to wear our new pants

And our red and blue necktle, so gay!

There is something up between Captain 3. D. Wise and the Hen, Harry Curfey

Glenn.
It's a good joke whatever it is.
For the Captain was tolling it to Justice John when we appeared on the scene, and when we got there the subject was changed, and they started to talk about the weather.

weene, and when we got there the subject was changed, and they started to talk about the wenther.

We learned, however, that the story was about a story that Hon. Curfew got out of a book and passed off on a fellow as an original one, and the fellow passed it along and gave Hon. Curfew all the credit, which he was not at all entitled to. whitled to.
We are going to find out what it is and expose whoever is implicated in the

We don't care how low or how high the price of ice goes this summer, for we have just accepted an invitation from our good old friend, McDowell, to stop at his Hqtel Gladstone, in Norfolk, all sum-

And they tell us that is a cool spot, eve

In order to allay suspicion, we wish to say that the reason we have begun to lay in a stock of pistols, boxing gloves, broad swords, trick matches, loaded cigars, roller skates, bicycles, and knockout drops, is that we have accepted the position of official implie in the Four-City League, of which Messrs. Bradley and Donati are the main guys.

We have also taken out an accident We have also taken out an accident policy through Colonel Carter Brandon who guarantees that our grave shall be carefully whitewashed every summer. H. T.

#### North Carolina Sentiment.

The Winston-Salem Sentinel says: "Senator Arthur Pue Gorman, of Mary and, has returned to his former place is leader of the Demogratic party to Senator Arthur Pue Gorman, of Mary-land, has returned to his former place as leader of the Democratic party in Congress. The skies are beginning to brighten. There is a man whose leader-ship inspires confidence."

"The country, as well as the party, feels much safer with Arthur Pue Gorman back in the Senate and at the head of the party. He is a safe head in all emer-

The Asheville Citizen says: The Asheville Citizen says:
"If the precedent set by the Republican majority in this case from Missouri is to be the one followed by the next House in the contest from this district, Mr. Gudger is wasting his time in taking evidence. In such case, though his proofs be strong as Holy Writ, they will avail him nothing."

The Charlotte News says: "The case of Mrs. Maybrick has always been an interesting topic to the South, for Mrs. Maybrick came of good, old Southern stock, and she had, and still has. host of friends and admirers who will always believe that in her case Eng-lish justice seriously miscarried."

The Charlotte Observer, noting the ac tion of our Legislature in voting \$10,000 for the Stuart monument, says:

"Virginia runs to monuments. Having had men of whose records it is proud, it believes in perpotunting their memory in this visible and imporishable form Its Capital City is dotted with such effigies. Would that there were more of such sentiment in North Carolina!",

### An Hour With Virginia Editors

The Norfolk Virginian-Phot says:

"The Virginia Republicans are reported to be much disgrantled because Roosevelt has not made a place for them at the Department of Commerce pie counter, and are threatening to throy the Virginia delegation to somebody else. Roosevelt will find the appetite of the Virginia Republican is not a thing to be flouted."

Roanoke is disappointed and disposed t rumble. The Evening World says:

"Here in Roanoke we only wanted ittle crumb in the way of a United State. Court building—an absolute necessity for the proper administration of Federal fustice—and didn't get it. Small wonder it there is a little envy down this way a Washington's plethora of the good things of which we were denied a modest taste."

The Luray News is hopeful. It says: "The Virginia press has again carnestly grappled with the good roads problem with prospects of the same old result who can estimate the kegs of printers link unselfishly shed in this cause?" The Clinch Valley News says:

"The State must be getting better, as local option elections will be held in several counties in the State this spring. Credit this to the work of the Anti-Saloen League." Small Pill.

# ANSWER TO INJUNCTION

Sweeping Denial of Charges Made by the Company.

AFFIDAVITS WERE FILED

Judge Adams Will To-Day Set a Date for the Argument at Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow-Wabash Counsel Preparing for Legal Battle

(By Associated Press.)
ST. LOUIS, MO., March S.—A sweeping denial of all the charges made by the Wabash Rallway Company in its bill of complaint, upon which was issued the injunction to prevent a strike among its employes, was contained in the answer to the injunction suit filed to-day in the United States District Court.

In support of the answer were filed the affidavits of all those named in the injunction against the Brotherhood of Trainmen and Firemen.

Trainmen and Firemon.

At 11 o'clock to-morrow Judge Adams will set a day for arguments.

The motion to dissolve the injunction, briefly stated, is based on the grounds that the writ of injunction was improperly granted; that charges of illegal conspiracy contained in the bill of complaint are unfounded and disproved; that there is no equity in the bill of complaint; that the injunction was issued without notice, and that all material charges in the bill are denied.

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President Ramspy, of the Wabash, and the company's legal counsel, began the preparation of their arguments against the answer immediately after it was filed and continued busily at work all day. None of the Brotherhood officials have left the city. All say they are well satisfied with the answer as filed.

NO RISTRICTION.

The answer denies that the Wabash fremen or trainmen brotherhood ever placed any restriction on the employes. The answer states that the Wabash employes have frequently presented their grievances to the Wabash officials for adjustment, and the officials of said company have persistently refused to take up and settle such grievances. The defendants deny that they in any way unlawfully or maliciously attempted to induce or compel firemen or switchmen to quit the Wabash service in violation of any contract or agreement of employment, or that the defendants at any time or in any way conspired to interfere with or prevent the operation of Wabash trains or to prevent that railway from carrying out any of its contracts with shippers for the iransportation of property or in any way? on prevent the templant from affording reasonable, proper and equal facilities for the interchange of traffic between its railroads and other lines of railroads connecting therewith. It is denied that the defendants combined to compel the Wabash and its connecting lines or their employes to violate the interestate commerce act or to prevent that road from carrying the mails.

The defendants deny that any invitation to Wabash employes to become members of their organization was unlawful or malicious or the result of any conspiracy to injure the complainant or its employes. They also deny that they combined or agreed that in case the Wabash rofused to operate its road as an exclusively Brotherhood road the Brotherhood would order a strike.

The defendants further deny that they bear mi

ever maliciously threatened to order a strike, but say that they represented to the Wabash that many of its employes intended to withdraw from its employment unless it acceded to the reasonable demands and requests made by the defendants in their behalf in the payment of wages and changes in rules, but that if a strike shall occur it would be a voluntary act on the part of the employes. The defendants deny that the Wabash is entitled to the relief prayed for, and that they have made a reasonable effort to adjust their differences with the road and ask for a dismissal of complaint.

#### OUT FOR GOOD

Cleveland Denies That He is Interested in Politics.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, March 9.—Former Presi lent Grover Cleveland denied to-day that he had come to New York city for any

rday. He sud: "I came solely for the purpose of at tending the Beecher memorial meeting in Brooklyn last night. The reports that I had a political talk with Edward M. Sheppard, William C. Whitney and others

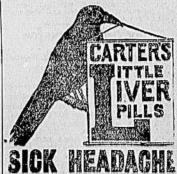
are untrue.
"I am not in politics. I am out for good, I only saw Mr. Sheppard last night for two minutes, and politics did not figure in our conversation. Politics is furthest from my thoughts at present, at though I am always ready to act in although I am always ready to act in an advisory capacity, if so desired, "As for taking any active part in poli-tics, that is not to be considered."

#### HANGED TO A TREE

Negro Meets Punishment for the Usual Crime.

Crime.

(By Associated Press.)
TAMPA, PLA, March 9.—Henry
Thoms, colored, who attempted to criminally assault the ten-year-old daughter
of Porter Keene, Friday, was lynched
near Parish last night after being positively identified by his victim and having
admitted his guilt.
Thomas was captured yesterday evening south of Parish, and after being
taken to the scene of his crime was
hanged to a tree.



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and Triumphs.

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CHAPTER XXV.

"The work on the house goes on well, does it, Bobs?"
"Yes, Mr. Ellot, very well. We have some trouble among the hodearriers, but cannot find out where it arises. There seems to be a continual mild warfare going on, and yet not the symptoms of a strike."
"You cannot account for it?"

You cannot account for it?" "Not in any way, sir. When I am there all is quiet, but as soon as I so away the boss says that the trouble commences, It is of an indefinite nature, but it is

there."
"Cannot you get at the root of it?"
"There appears to be no root, it is all blossom, I should say! It is a mild grow! about nothing in particular and everything in general."
"Do they make complaint of any specific thing?" cific thing?"
"No, and that is the difficulty. If they

"No, and that is the difficulty. If they would only come out flat-footed he would know what to do. As it is, he is at sea."
"Well, let it go on, then. It will do no harm, I guess."

Bots put on his hat and coat and started for the new house. He was enjoying himself 'mmensely with his work, but this matter had disturbed him considerably it was son intangible. work, but this matter had disturbed him considerably, it was son intangible, Arriving at the building, he went about his usual duties, and having inshed the detail work, stood with the foreman near the front door, and close to a ladder up which the hod men were moving in regular rotation.

"Then we will go right along, Mr. Morgan, and not notice the growt?"

"Yes, Prentiss, go right ahead till we get at something definite."

The words were hardly out of Bobs

get at something definite."

The words were hardly out of Bobs mouth when a falling brick struck him on the side of his hat, cut a deep hole through it, and the lad fell to the ground with the blood streaming down his fcae. CHAPTER XXVI.

"Well, doctor, what is it?" asked Mr. Elliott anxiously, as he stood watching the surgeon make his examination.
"The bone has been driven in and is pressing upon the brain. I shall operate at once. It is a perfectly simple matter, Mr. Elliott, so do not be alarmed. There is no danger to speak of in this

narrated to him by the foreman.
"I suppose that it was purely acci-

"I do not know. The foreman thinks

not. He says that there has been an undercurrent of disturbance going on among the hodearriers and without any apparent reason."

The nurses and attendants were all this time rapidly and quietly preparing for the operation. At last all was ready, and the surgeon proceeded with his work with skill and rapidity. Suddenly he gave a slight exclamation of surprise. "This young man has been hurt before?"

fore?"
"He was thrown out of a dog-cart in which the horse had run away, and was unconscious for some time. When he came to he had lost his memory."
"I see, Well, here is the cause. The bone seems to have been struck a hard blow on the outside which has caused a depression on the inside in the shape of a protuberance. This is pressing upon the brain and probably has something to do with the loss of memory. I shall trephine here also and make the operation a double one, as it is just as well to finish the matter up at once. The first operation and the second are practically one,"

operation and the section are interteatly one,"
"Yery well, doctor, you know best, of course, I do not see why it was not discovered before."
"Because it is more on the inside than on the outside. It is a very curious case. If the skull had not been opened it would not have been discovered."

In a short time the pressure was removed, and the operation over, wheat to the surprise of every one, Bobs began to talk.
"Yell, it was cosy in those rooms!"

"Well, it was cosy in those rooms!" he said clearly and distinctly; "this air foels good after all that time indoors, but I suppose that if that bullet wound was to heal all right that It had to be done."

Mr. Elliot looked at the surgeon in Bullet wound? I know nothing of

this," he said.

"Whit," was the reply, "I think I know what has happened."

"How noisy these streets are after so much quiet. Seems to me that they never were so before I was shot."

"Before he was shot?" grasped Mr. Elliott. "For Heaven's sake what has not the boy had happen to him?"

The surgeon raised his hand warningly. The assistants were defity finishing the work and proparing to remove the patient to bed.

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"What's that?" asked Bobs, trying to turn his head. "By jovo, a runnwy horse and a Hold "By jovo, a runnwy horse and a Hold your breath, old man, Now make for the 'tallboard, Up you go, Tie those reins to the dashboard, By George, sile frainted! That's it, now drop her. All clear? Yes. Now set back and see if we can drive that horse."

Mr. Elliot was gotting excited, and even the calm and collected surgeon moved closer to the lad as he told his stery.

"Thunder how he pulls! That's a narrow squesk, and there's another. How the old thing sways? Guess I better try and throw him. There he goes———

"The yore stopped and Bobs lay quiet. "fils memory has come back. Mr. Elliot. He told the story as he saw it up to the time when he was hurt. He will be abe to tell the rost when he is better, providing he wants to."

"It is very romarkable, indeed. I shall now leave him in your hands and come and see him when he is out of the other."

"Of gourse, Mr. Elliot, it will not do to ask him any questions until he is quite well." I understand, and I do not expect to more than look at him for some time, but I am set fond of the young chap that I would like to see him very day? I can.

it.

"O, not at all. His brain will now be perfectly normal, and if all goes well, as it should, he will be a perfectly well man before long."

CHAPTER XXVII.

"You managed to hit him, you say, Reagan."

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"O, yes, sir. I did the job in great shape. First place, I got the men down, on him by telling 'en some fairy stories about what he done in the cast, where I said that I worked under him. I told 'om he took advantage of his men, and always got the best of 'em and a hig commission. They got just symmetric always got the best of 'em and a big commission. They got just simmerin' mad, and just wanted to do somethin' to

of him."
"That's all right. It was an accident, of course. No one saw you?"
"Not a soul, sir."
"Yery well, then, you have nothing to fear. Here's your money. Two thousand dollars. Count it and see that it is

fear. Here's your money. Two thousand dollars, Count it and see that it is
correct."

"I'll take your word for it, sir."

"Take nobody's word in a matter of
business, Reagan."

"Yes, sir; but this is different, You
saved me from the gallows once, and I
swore then that if I could do you a
service, even if it was murder, I would
do it. I'm a bad lot, I know, but I do
not forget filat."

"Well, well, Reagan, that is very good
of you, but as we shall probably never
meet again, I want you to feel that all is
straight between us."

"I'm not in the same class with you,
sir, but I'll never split on you, even if
I'dd know who you were by accident."

"That's true, Reagan, you have been
squaro and sigunch."

"All for the same reason, sir. I have
not forgotten the old country and what

square and staunch."

"All for the same reason, sin. I have not forgotten the old country and what you did for me, and I never will."

"We will say goodby now, Reagan. I do not expect to continue in this business, and if things turn out as I hope that they will I must go back home. Whether they will or not I do not know."

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"Goodby, sir, and good luck."

London, hardly to be recognized without his glasses and with a light, closely cropped beard and mustache, turned and lighted a cigar.

"I think I'll go for a walk," he said to himself, "this is getting rather exciting. I am glad that I found Reagan, I should not have liked to do it myself, I'm a pretty hard sinner, but I draw the line at that."

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"Well, Bobs, how are you?" and Mr. Elliot drew up a chair to the side of the bed in a private ward in the hospital.

"I am very well, sir. My head seems quits clear. Something has happened to it. They tell me that I was hit by a brick some weeks ago."

"Yes, and I suppose that they also told you that you were operated on."

"O, yes, indeed."

"The doctor would not let me talk to you until to-day, but now he says that you are on the high road to recovery. I had a letter from Mr. Van Nostrand this morning."

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"Mr. Van Nostrand?"

"Why, yes. You saved his daughter Anita's life. You remember that, do you not?"
"Yes, of course, I recall part of it.
You refer to that runaway, I suppose."

"O, now I begin to get it. I-what did you say about Mr. Van Nostrand's let-

you say about Mr. Van Nostrand's letter?"

"He says that he is coming on here, and that he shall bring Anita with him, and she insists upon coming."

I shall be very glad to see them. Mr. Van Nostrand was vory, very good to me, and I did not deserve it at his hands."

"Nonsetise, Bobs; you saved his daughter's life, and she is his idol."

"Mr. Eliot, my memory has come back, and I shall have something very unpleasant to tell Mr. Van Nostrand, but it must be said to him first. I shall wish you to be present, for you have both done everything for me, and what I am you have made me."

"Come, come, Bobs, it cannot be very bad, whatever it is, and I will stick to you through thick and thin."

"Thank you, sir." He streiched out his hand and took that of the older man, "thank you. I know that you will, if you say so, but I want you to wait till you' hear my story before you promise that."

"Your story will make absolutely no

that."
"Your story will make absolutely no difference to me. I shall do exactly as I have said, and nothing will change me."

me."
Tears stood in the young man's eyes as he held on to Mr. Ellot's hand with the grasp of a drowning man. The older man was much affected, and swore to himself that this boy should never want Short Talks to the Legislature,

Newport News Times-Herald: There appears to be a few members of the Legislature who cannot be driven up to the pure elections bill without shying. Clinch Valley News: Judge Campbell, no doubt, has reached the conclusion that the Legislature is going to settle his cowhiding case "in the old Yirginia style."

Norfolk Virginian-Pilot: In the mean-time the Legislature will do well to go enrefully in the matter of franchise taxas-tion. All is not straight that is velvety, to the touch and soothing to the ear.

